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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR SINGAPORE LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -
DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY AND SOH KONG PHENG

REF: SINGAPORE 75

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and finds that it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the unit and commander below. This unit and commander are candidates U.S. EX-IM Bank funding.

¶2. (U) Unit and Commander:

Unit: Defence Science and Technology Agency, a statutory board under the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Singapore
Commander: SOH Kong Pheng; DOB: 11 November 1950; POB: Singapore;
Sex: Male; Current Position: Chief Executive, Defence Science and Technology Agency

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the unit and commander identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the unit and commander listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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